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Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart Research for NBC News and The Wall Street Journal. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your household who are at least 18 years old, including those who are not home right now, can you tell me who had the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please? (IF PERSON WITH MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY IS NOT HOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL BACK.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)

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Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart Research for NBC News and The Wall Street Journal. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at least 18 years old and the person with the most recent birthday of all the adults living in this household? (IF YES, SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

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1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes....._ 100 _-1 CONTINUE (12)

No....._ - _-2 TERMINATE AND DO NOT

Not sure....._ - _-3 COUNT TOWARD QUOTA

2. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

		11/89	9/89	
Right direction..	49	-1 (13)	41	42
Wrong track.....	29	-2	35	34
Mixed (VOL).....	17	-3	19	19
Not sure.....	5	-4	5	5

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- 3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing as president?

		11/89	9/89	
Approve.....	71	-1 (14)	67	67
Disapprove.....	19	-2	22	17
Not sure.....	10	-3	11	16

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- 3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the economy?

		11/89	9/89	
Approve.....	54	-1 (15)	52	61
Disapprove.....	31	-2	33	24
Not sure.....	15	-3	15	15

- 3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling our foreign affairs?

		11/89	9/89	
Approve.....	69	-1 (16)	59	58
Disapprove.....	21	-2	27	26
Not sure.....	10	-3	14	16

3d. Using a scale of 1 to 5, on which the number "5" means it describes George Bush very well and the number "1" means it describes him very little, what number would you assign to the phrase, "George Bush is too cautious and slow to act?" In other words, do you feel the phrase describes him or does not describe him? (RECORD A NUMBER. IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AN "A.")

Describes					Describes
Very					Very
Well					Little
"5"	"4"	"3"	"2"	"1"	"A"

January 1990	_ 12 _	_ 17 _	_ 34 _	_ 18 _	_ 15 _	_ 4 _
November 1989	_ 18 _	_ 20 _	_ 28 _	_ 17 _	_ 14 _	_ 3 _

4. Which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view on what America needs to be doing in the next year? (READ CHOICES SLOWLY AND RECORD BELOW.)

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 Statement A: The President and the Congress should adopt a steady-as-you-go approach and not make major changes.

Statement B: The President and the Congress should adopt an approach that seeks to make major changes and look to shake things up.

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Statement A.....	_ 36 _	-1 (20)
Statement B.....	_ 54 _	-2
Some of both (VOL)	_ 4 _	-3
Neither (VOL).....	_ 2 _	-4
Not sure.....	_ 4 _	-5

(FORM A)

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5. If you could have one wish for something about America to be different at the end of this decade than it is right now, what would it be?
What change would you most like to see happen in America by the year 2000?

Want a drug-free society	20%
Homeless	18
Want peace, no more war	13
Federal budget deficit, spending	11
Employment, jobs	10
Education, schools	9

Don't know, no response	2%

(FORM B)

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5. Why do you feel that way? (PROBE:) What kind of changes do you (want to see/most want to avoid)?

_Net Responses In Favor Of Change 84%_Net Responses Against Change 28%_

Economy should be stronger	14	Need a steady-as-you-go	
War on drugs should be more aggressive	12	approach, it is better not to make waves	11
Government is not doing enough to help the homeless	10	Things are going well, no need to change	10
Educational system is poor, not enough funding	10	Favorable impressions of government	3
Criticisms of government leaders	8	Favorable impressions of economy	3
Want peace, avoid military conflicts	8	Avoid raising taxes	2

Don't know, no response		6%	

- 6a. Looking ahead to the election for U.S. Congress in 1990, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

	11/89	9/89	
Vote for the Republican candidate	26	-1 (54)	27 29
Vote for the Democratic candidate	31	-2	32 32
Depends (VOL).....	33	-3	28 24
Neither (VOL).....	2	-4	1 1
Not sure.....	8	-5	12 14

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- 6b. In general, do you think it is better for the _same_ political party to control both the Congress and the presidency, so they can work

together more closely, or do you think it is better to have _different_ political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency, to prevent either one from going too far?

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Better if controlled by _same_ political party....._ 24 _-1 (55) _ 28 _

Better if controlled by _different_ political party_ 63 _-2 _ 64 _

Not sure....._ 13 _-3 _ 8 _

6c. Do you think there should or should not be a limit to the number of terms to which a senator or member of Congress can be elected?

Yes, there should be a limit..._ 67 _-1 (56)

No, there should not be a limit_ 28 _-2

Not sure....._ 5 _-3

6d. Who do you feel had the greatest influence on the course of events during the 1980s--Mikhail Gorbachev ("mick-ALE gor-ba-CHOFF"), Ronald Reagan, or someone else?

Mikhail Gorbachev....._ 38 _-1 (57)

Ronald Reagan....._ 37 _-2

Someone else....._ 11 _-3

Gorbachev & Reagan equal (VOL)._ 8 _-4

Not sure....._ 6 _-5

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7a. What would you say are the two or three most important issues or problems facing the nation today that you would like to see the federal government in Washington do something about? (DO NOT READ CHOICES. ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.)

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Q.7a. Q.7b.

ECONOMY

Economy generally.... 14 -1 (60) 6 -1 (66)

Farm problems, agri-

culture, drought.... 1 -2 - -2

Inflation, prices.... 2 -3 1 -3

Interest rates..... 1 -4 - -4

Jobs, unemployment... 11 -5 3 -5

New industry needed.. 1 -6 - -6

Trade, imports..... 3 -7 1 -7

TAXES, GOV'T SPENDING

Budget deficit..... 14 -8 7 -8

Government waste,

mismanagement..... 2 -9 1 -9

Taxes--too high..... 6 -0 2 -0

Taxes--unfair..... 3 -A 1 -A

Welfare abuse..... 2 -B 1 -B

FOREIGN POLICY/DEFENSE

Central America..... 1 -C - -C

Defense--strengthen.. 1 -D - -D

Defense spending,

cut defense budget.. 3 -E - -E

Foreign aid--reduce.. 3 -F 1 -F

Foreign policy..... 5 -G 1 -G

Panama..... 1 -H - -H

Terrorism..... - -I - -I

War, keep peace;

nuclear arms race.. 3 -J - -J

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

AIDS..... 4 -1 1 -1

Child care/day care.. 2 -2 1 -2

Education, schools... 18 -3 7 -3

Elderly..... 5 -4 2 -4

Health care, costs... 10 -5 4 -5

Homelessness....._ 27 _-6 _ 9 _-6
Housing....._ 4 _-7 _ 1 _-7
Poverty/social
services....._ 9 _-8 _ 3 _-8
Social Security/
senior citizens...._ 5 _-9 _ 2 _-9

OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

Abortion--pro-choice._ 2 _-0 _ 1 _-0
Abortion--pro-life..._ 2 _-A _ 1 _-A
Crime....._ 5 _-B _ 1 _-B
Drugs....._ 37 _-C _ 20 _-C
Energy....._ - _-D _ - _-D
Environment, pollu-
tion, toxic wastes._ 10 _-E _ 5 _-E
Government corruption_ 1 _-F _ - _-F
Morality/values....._ 2 _-G _ 1 _-G
Racism....._ 2 _ _ 1 _
Other (specify below)
_ _ 6 _-I _ 3 _-I

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None/not sure....._ 7 _-J SKIP | _ 5 _-J
TO 8a. |

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(No most important problems)_ 7 _

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7b. Of the issues you just mentioned as important, which one do you
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consider to be the most important? (ALLOW ONLY _ONE_ RESPONSE. RECORD
ABOVE UNDER Q.7b.)

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8a. Do you think that the American invasion of Panama was a good idea or a bad idea?

Good idea..... _ 72 _-1 (70)

Bad idea..... _ 18 _-2

Not sure..... _ 10 _-3

8b. Do you feel Manuel Noriega ("nor-ee-AY-guh") can receive a fair trial in the United States, or not?

Yes, he can receive a fair trial.. _ 67 _-1 (71)

No, he cannot receive a fair trial _ 26 _-2

Not sure..... _ 7 _-3

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9a. Do you think the United States should or should not provide substantial economic assistance to (READ LIST SLOWLY) to help rebuild its economy? (REPEAT CHOICES FOR EACH ITEM. _ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW_)

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	Should Provide	Should Not Provide	
Substantial	Substantial	Not	
Assistance	_Assistance_	_Sure_	

Panama..... _ 62 _-1 _ 30 _-2 _ 8 _-3 (72)

The Soviet Union _ 25 _-1 _ 66 _-2 _ 9 _-3 (73)

East Germany.... _ 36 _-1 _ 55 _-2 _ 9 _-3 (74)

Poland..... _ 46 _-1 _ 44 _-2 _ 10 _-3 (75)

Romania..... _ 39 _-1 _ 48 _-2 _ 13 _-3 (76)

9b. After the Chinese government took action against student demonstrators in May, the United States suspended high level contacts and cooperation with the Chinese government. Recently, the Bush Administration has resumed close ties and cooperation with the Chinese government. Do you think this was the right time, or should we have waited longer before normalizing relations?

Was the right time to resume close ties _ 40 _-1 (77)

We should have waited longer..... _ 47 _-2

Not sure..... _ 13 _-3

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9c. If, as a result of reduced world tensions, the U.S. is able to reduce defense spending significantly, do you think that the money the U.S. saves should be used (1) to reduce the federal budget deficit, (2) to reduce taxes, or (3) to increase spending for domestic programs?

(_ ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW _)

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12/89 _ *

1) Reduce the federal budget deficit..... _ 40 _ -1 _ 42 _ (78)

2) Reduce taxes..... _ 20 _ -2 _ 21 _

3) Increase spending for domestic programs _ 33 _ -3 _ 31 _

Depends (VOL)..... _ 5 _ -4 _ 2 _

Not sure..... _ 2 _ -5 _ 4 _

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* Wording variation 12/89: "If as a result of agreements with the Soviet Union, we are able to reduce defense spending significantly.."

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10a. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

10/84 _ *

Favor..... _ 71 _ -1 ASK Q.10b. (79) _ 69 _

Oppose..... _ 20 _ -2 SKIP TO _ 18 _

Not sure _ 9 _ -3 Q.10c. _ 13 _

* Likely voters

10b. Would you still favor the death penalty even if there were a law that required people convicted of murder to be sentenced for life without a chance for parole?

_ Yes _ , would still favor the death penalty... _ 50 _ -1 (80)

_ No _ , would not still favor the death penalty _ 16 _ -2

Not sure..... _ 5 _ -3

(Do not favor death penalty)..... _ 29 _

10c. Do you think the death penalty does or does not deter people from committing murder?

Does deter people from committing murder...._ 50 _-1 (81)

Does not deter people from committing murder_ 44 _-2

Not sure....._ 6 _-3

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11a. Would you approve or disapprove of legalizing drugs if their distribution were strictly regulated?

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Approve....._ 22 _-1 (84)

Disapprove....._ 72 _-2

Not sure....._ 6 _-3

11b. With the arrest and removal of Manuel Noriega and his associates from power in Panama, how much difference do you think this will make in reducing the flow of drugs into the United States--a lot, a little, or almost no difference at all?

A lot of difference....._ 10 _-1 (85)

A little difference....._ 42 _-2

Almost no difference at all..._ 45 _-3

Not sure....._ 3 _-4

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12a. Over the _past year_, do you think the national economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

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11/89_ 9/89_

Better....._ 12 _-1 (86)_ 15 _ 18 _

Worse....._ 29 _-2_ 34 _ 23 _

About the same....._ 57 _-3_ 49 _ 57 _

Not sure....._ 2 _-4_ 2 _ 2 _

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12b. During the _next year_, do you think the national economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

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11/89_ 9/89_

Get better....._ 22 _-1 (87)_ 21 _ 25 _

Get worse....._ 28 _-2_ 33 _ 23 _

Stay about the same_ 44 _-3_ 39 _ 43 _

Not sure....._ 6 _-4_ 7 _ 9 _

12c. In general, do you think 1989 was one of the best years economically for the country, pretty good, average, not so good, or one of the

worst years economically for the country?

One of the best...._ 3 _-1 (88)
Pretty good....._ 25 _-2
Average....._ 46 _-3
Not so good....._ 19 _-4
One of the worst..._ 4 _-5
Not sure....._ 3 _-6

12d. In general, do you think 1990 will be one of the best years economically for the country, pretty good, average, not so good, or one of the worst years economically for the country?

One of the best..._ 5 _-1 (89)
Pretty good....._ 24 _-2
Average....._ 42 _-3
Not so good....._ 18 _-4
One of the worst.._ 3 _-5
Not sure....._ 8 _-6

12e. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Will be an economic recession...._ 31 _-1 (90)
Will not be an economic recession_ 56 _-2
Not sure....._ 13 _-3

13a. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now,
 which one do you feel is the most important issue facing the country?
 (READ LIST SLOWLY. READ FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER SURVEY.)
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	Q.13a. Most Important					Q.13b. Second Most Important			
	1/90		9/89			1/90		9/89	
Inflation.....	12	-1	12			16	-1	14	(94)
Unemployment.....	23	-2	23			16	-2	15	
Interest rates.....	4	-3	4			7	-3	7	
The federal budget deficit	29	-4	32			20	-4	19	
Federal taxes.....	7	-5	8			11	-5	13	
The U.S. trade deficit....	18	-6	15			20	-6	22	
	Not sure.					3	-7	4	
All equally important (VOL).....	5	-7	4			(No most important issue) ..			
None is important (VOL)...	-	-8	-			7		6	
Not sure.....	2	-9	2						
	SKIP TO Q.13c.								

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 13b. And which of these is the second most important? (READ REMAINING CHOICES AND RECORD ABOVE UNDER 13b.)

13c. Now, let me read you these economic issues again. This time, please tell me whether you feel that, in the next twelve months, (READ FIRST ITEM ON LIST) will increase, decrease, or stay about the same. (RECORD BELOW AND REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM ON LIST.)

	. _...>.....\$.....\$.....\$.....\$.....<											
	Stay				About				Not			
	Increase		Decrease		The Same		Sure					
Inflation.....	47	-1	7	-2	43	-3	3	-4	(95)			
September 1989	43	-1	8	-2	45	-3	4	-4				
Unemployment.....	45	-1	14	-2	38	-3	3	-4	(96)			
September 1989	34	-1	20	-2	42	-3	4	-4				
Interest rates.....	34	-1	31	-2	31	-3	4	-4	(97)			
September 1989	43	-1	21	-2	30	-3	6	-4				

The federal budget deficit_ 53 _-1_ 14 _-2_ 28 _-3_ 5 _-4 (98)
 September 1989_ 56 _-1_ 13 _-2_ 24 _-3_ 7 _-4

Federal taxes....._ 47 _-1_ 6 _-2_ 43 _-3_ 4 _-4 (99)
 September 1989_ 56 _-1_ 7 _-2_ 33 _-3_ 4 _-4

The U.S. trade deficit...._ 41 _-1_ 16 _-2_ 32 _-3_ 11 _-4 (100)
 September 1989_ 40 _-1_ 18 _-2_ 30 _-3_ 12 _-4

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14a. There has recently been a suggestion that the 1990 Social Security tax increase be cancelled. Those in favor of cancelling the increase say the Social Security fund is running a surplus and that this tax increase is unnecessary now. Those opposed to cancelling the tax increase say the surplus is needed to hold down the size of the federal budget deficit and to make sure the Social Security fund is sound for the future. Do you favor or oppose the proposed cancellation of the Social Security tax increase?

Favor cancelling the tax increase._ 39 _-1 (101)
 Oppose cancelling the tax increase_ 53 _-2
 Not sure....._ 8 _-3

14b. As you may know, the Bush Administration has proposed cutting the tax rate on capital gains--that is, the tax on profits from investments such as the sale of stocks, bonds, and real estate. Would you favor or oppose such a tax cut?

Favor a capital gains tax cut...._ 45 _-1 (102)
 Oppose a capital gains tax cut...._ 47 _-2
 Not sure....._ 8 _-3

14c. Do you think a cut in the tax on capital gains would benefit everyone or only the wealthy?

Benefit everyone....._ 29 _-1 (103)
 Benefit only the wealthy....._ 65 _-2
 Not sure....._ 6 _-3

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15a. Given current economic conditions, do you think the federal government should be thinking about _raising_ taxes, _lowering_ taxes, or keeping them about the same?

Raising taxes....._ 12 _-1 (106)
 Lowering taxes....._ 28 _-2
 Keeping taxes about the same.._ 58 _-3
 Not sure....._ 2 _-4

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15b. Let us suppose the government needed to raise taxes. For each of the following please tell me if you would favor or oppose raising that tax. (READ EACH ITEM ON LIST. _ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW_)

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Not
 Favor _Oppose_ _Sure_

Raising the tax on gasoline....._ 26 _-1 _ 72 _-2 _ 2 _-3 (107)
 Increasing the income tax
 rates for individuals....._ 17 _-1 _ 79 _-2 _ 4 _-3 (108)
 Enacting a national sales tax...._ 31 _-1 _ 65 _-2 _ 4 _-3 (109)
 Raising alcohol and tobacco taxes_ 78 _-1 _ 20 _-2 _ 2 _-3 (110)
 Raising the capital gains tax
 rate on the sale of stocks,
 bonds, and real estate....._ 42 _-1 _ 52 _-2 _ 6 _-3 (111)

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15c. In deciding where the federal budget deficit should be cut, whom do you trust more to make the right decisions--George Bush or the Congress?

George Bush....._ 28 _-1 (112)
 Congress....._ 55 _-2
 Both the same (VOL)_ 6 _-3
 Neither (VOL)....._ 7 _-4
 Not sure....._ 4 _-5

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16. For each of the following items, please tell me whether you think the

federal government is currently spending too much, too little, or the right amount. (READ EACH ITEM ON LIST. _ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW._)

.....>.....\$.....\$.....\$.....\$.....|.....<
Too Too Right Not
Much _Little_ _Amount_ _Sure_

On homelessness....._ 4 _-1 _ 79 _-2 _ 12 _-3 _ 5 _-4 (113)
On education....._ 4 _-1 _ 76 _-2 _ 18 _-3 _ 2 _-4 (114)
On aid to foreign countries_ 71 _-1 _ 5 _-2 _ 20 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (115)
On the environment....._ 6 _-1 _ 65 _-2 _ 24 _-3 _ 5 _-4 (116)
On defense....._ 56 _-1 _ 9 _-2 _ 31 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (117)
On fighting drugs....._ 8 _-1 _ 67 _-2 _ 21 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (118)
On health care....._ 5 _-1 _ 71 _-2 _ 20 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (119)

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17. I'm going to mention several proposals. For each one, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose it as a part of an overall program to reduce the federal budget deficit. (READ EACH ITEM SLOWLY AND REPEAT CHOICES. _ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW._)

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Depends Not
Favor _Oppose_ _ (VOL)_ _Sure_

Reduce defense spending....._ 67 _-1 _ 26 _-2 _ 5 _-3 _ 2 _-4 (120)
Reduce spending for all domestic programs_ 22 _-1 _ 70 _-2 _ 6 _-3 _ 2 _-4 (121)
Freeze all government spending at
last year's levels for one year....._ 71 _-1 _ 22 _-2 _ 3 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (122)
Increase taxes....._ 18 _-1 _ 77 _-2 _ 4 _-3 _ 1 _-4 (123)

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18a. Generally speaking, would you say your own family's financial situation is in good shape, only fair shape, or poor shape?

Good shape....._ 37 _-1 (124)
Only fair shape....._ 51 _-2
Poor shape....._ 12 _-3
Not sure....._ - _-4

18b. During the next year, do you think your family will be financially better off than it is today, worse off, or about the same?

.....11/89_9/89_
Better off....._ 30 _-1 (127) _ 31 _ 34 _
Worse off....._ 9 _-2 _ 14 _ 13 _
About the same....._ 59 _-3 _ 53 _ 51 _
Not sure....._ 2 _-4 _ 2 _ 2 _

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19a. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past year, have you found it to be a period in which you have been _cutting down_ on purchases and other spending, have you been _increasing_ your purchases and other spending during the past year, or has there been little change over the past year?

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Cutting down....._ 41 _-1 (128)
Increasing....._ 16 _-2
Little change....._ 42 _-3
Not sure/refused...._ 1 _-4

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19b. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past year, have you found it to be a period in which you have been _cutting down_ on savings and other investments, have you been _increasing_ your savings and other investments during the past year, or has there been little change over the past year?

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Cutting down....._ 29 _-1 (129)
Increasing....._ 23 _-2
Little change....._ 47 _-3
Not sure/refused...._ 1 _-4

20. Do you expect to spend more, about the same, or less on major purchases this year than you did last year?

Spend more....._ 22 _-1 (130)
Spend about the same....._ 38 _-2

Spend less....._ 39 _-3
Not sure....._ 1 _-4

21. Let's suppose there were a major medical expense facing you or someone in your family. Do you think you would or would not have sufficient insurance coverage to meet those expenses?

Yes, would have sufficient coverage..._ 67 _-1 (131)
No, would not have sufficient coverage_ 29 _-2
Not sure....._ 4 _-3

22a. Which one of the following statements do you think best describes America's economic position? (READ LIST SLOWLY, GIVING NUMBER WITH EACH CHOICE. RECORD BELOW UNDER 22a.)

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- 1) America is the number one economic power in the world today....._ 15 _-1 (132)
- 2) America is one of a few, about equal, major economic powers....._ 37 _-2
- 3) America is a major economic power, but not one of the leaders....._ 34 _-3
- 4) America is no longer a major economic power_ 11 _-4
Not sure...._ 3 _-5

22b. In the year 2000, do you expect America's economic position to be higher, lower, or the same as it is now?

Higher....._ 34 _-1 (133)
Lower....._ 25 _-2
The same....._ 33 _-3
Not sure....._ 8 _-4

22c. When it comes to economic power, which country is currently in a stronger position--the U.S. or Japan?

The U.S....._ 20 _-1 (134)
Japan....._ 73 _-2
About equal (VOL)....._ 3 _-3
Not sure....._ 4 _-4

22d. Do you think that competition from foreign countries is a problem largely because U.S. business and labor have fallen behind in productivity and quality of products, or because foreign governments have helped their businesses compete unfairly?

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U.S. business and labor have fallen behind....._ 54 _-1 (137)
Foreign governments have helped their businesses....._ 25 _-2
Some of both (VOL)....._ 12 _-3
Not a problem (VOL)....._ 1 _-4
Not sure....._ 8 _-5

22e. In general, do you approve or disapprove of laws limiting foreign ownership of American companies and real estate?

Approve....._ 58 _-1 (138)
Disapprove....._ 37 _-2
Not sure....._ 5 _-3

22f. Would you favor or oppose a greater limit on the import of products from foreign countries into the U.S.?

Favor a limit....._ 58 _-1 ASK 22g. (139)

Oppose a limit....._ 35 _-2 SKIP
Not sure....._ 7 _-3 TO 23a.

22g. Would you favor or oppose such a limit even if it increased the prices you would have to pay for products?

Favor a limit....._ 43 _-1 (140)
Oppose a limit....._ 12 _-2
Not sure....._ 3 _-3

(Do not favor a greater limit)_ 42 _

(ASK EVERYONE.)

23a. Which do you feel poses a greater danger to the economy--too much government regulation or not enough government regulation?

Too much government regulation.._ 55 _-1 (141)

Not enough government regulation_ 33 _-2

Not sure....._ 12 _-3

23b. Let me read you several areas in which government has regulations and standards for business. For each area I read, please tell me if the current regulations are too strict, about right, or not strict enough. If you have no opinion about particular regulations and standards, please just say so. (READ EACH ITEM ON LIST. REPEAT CHOICES. RECORD BELOW.)

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Not
Too About Strict No Not
Strict Right Enough Opinion Sure

Regulations for consumer product safety 7 -1 43 -2 41 -3 7 -4 2 -5 (142)

Controls for meat quality..... 3 -1 44 -2 42 -3 8 -4 3 -5 (143)

Regulations for airline safety..... 2 -1 27 -2 66 -3 3 -4 2 -5 (144)

Controls to protect the environment.... 4 -1 21 -2 70 -3 4 -4 1 -5 (145)

Regulations for banks and
savings and loan institutions..... 7 -1 29 -2 54 -3 7 -4 3 -5 (146)

Claims advertisements can make

about their products..... 5 -1 34 -2 52 -3 6 -4 3 -5 (147)

Regulations protecting small investors. 7 -1 33 -2 40 -3 13 -4 7 -5 (148)

24. Finally, do you think the U.S. should ever be involved with and participate in the forceful overthrow of a leader in a foreign country?

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Should..... 28 -1 (149) 25 -
Should not..... 41 -2 39 -
Depends on circumstances (VOL) 27 -3 34 -
Not sure..... 4 -4 2 -

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FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

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F1. Did you happen to vote in the 1988 presidential election? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George Bush or Michael Dukakis?

Didn't vote.... 7 -1 Other candidate (VOL) 1 -4 (152)

George Bush.... 53 -2 Too young (VOL)..... 1 -5

Michael Dukakis 32 -3 Not sure..... 6 -6

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Republican? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

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Strong Democrat....._ 18 _-1 Not strong Republican_ 15 _-6 (153)
Not strong Democrat....._ 16 _-2 Strong Republican...._ 13 _-7
Independent/Lean Democrat.._ 8 _-3 Other....._ 2 _-8
Strictly Independent....._ 18 _-4 Refused....._ 1 _-9
Independent/Lean Republican_ 8 _-5 Don't know/nothing..._ 1 _-0

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F3. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or haven't you thought much about it?

Very liberal...._ 6 _-1 Somewhat conservative_ 26 _-4 (154)
Somewhat liberal_ 18 _-2 Very conservative...._ 7 _-5
Moderate....._ 31 _-3 No thoughts....._ 10 _-6
Not sure....._ 2 _-7

F4. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school....._ 1 _-1 (155)
Less than high school graduate....._ 9 _-2
High school graduate....._ 31 _-3
Some college, no degree....._ 16 _-4
Vocational training, 2-year college....._ 11 _-5
4-year college/Bachelor's degree....._ 18 _-6
Some postgraduate work, no degree....._ 3 _-7
2-3 years postgraduate work, Master's degree_ 9 _-8
Doctoral degree/law degree....._ 2 _-9
Not sure/refused....._ - _-0

F5. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24....._ 9 _-1 50-54....._ 8 _-7 (156)
25-29....._ 10 _-2 55-59....._ 7 _-8
30-34....._ 12 _-3 60-64....._ 6 _-9
35-39....._ 12 _-4 65 and over....._ 19 _-0
40-44....._ 10 _-5 Not sure/refused_ - _-A
45-49....._ 7 _-6

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F6. What type of work do you do? (WRITE JOB DESCRIPTION IN SPACE BELOW.)

JOB DESCRIPTION:_____

-----_OFFICE USE ONLY_-----

Professional/manager_ 17 _-1 Homemaker....._ 7 _-6 (157)
White collar worker._ 29 _-2 Retired....._ 20 _-7
Blue collar worker.._ 21 _-3 Unemployed....._ 2 _-8
Farmer....._ 1 _-4 Never worked/
Student....._ 2 _-5 not sure....._ 1 _-9

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F7. Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a labor union?

Labor union member..._ 14 _-1 Non-union household_ 80 _-3 (160)
Labor union household_ 6 _-2 Not sure....._ - _-4

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F8. What religion were you brought up in?

Protestant.....	39	-1	Other.....	25	-4	(161)
Catholic.....	30	-2	None.....	3	-5	
Jewish.....	2	-3	Not sure/refused	1	-6	

F9. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White.....	83	-1	Asian.....	-	-4	(162)
Black.....	11	-2	Other.....	2	-5	
Hispanic.....	4	-3	Not sure/refused	-	-6	

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	7	-1	(163)
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	16	-2	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	21	-3	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	15	-4	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	13	-5	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	13	-6	
More than \$75,000.....	6	-7	
Not sure/refused.....	9	-8	

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F11. (ASK EVERYONE.) This survey is being conducted as part of continuing
coverage of national issues by NBC News and _The Wall Street Journal_.
A few reporters assigned to this story will be calling back a selected
number of participants to get additional insights. Would you have any
objection to being contacted?

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Do not object..._ 80 _-1 Object--do not call_ 20 _-2 (164)

May we please have your name and the town in which you live for validation
purposes?

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

_Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss _
(circle one)

Town:_ _

_ RECORD THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT ASK! _

TELEPHONE NUMBER:_ / _
(Area Code)

Length of Interview

10 minutes or less..._ - _-1 16 to 20 minutes....._ 30 _-3 (165)
11 to 15 minutes....._ 5 _-2 21 to 25 minutes....._ 34 _-4
26 minutes or more..._ 31 _-5

Interview began:_ : a.m. p.m._ Interview ended:_ : a.m. p.m._
(circle) (circle)

_ THIS IS A BONA FIDE INTERVIEW AND HAS BEEN OBTAINED
_ ACCORDING TO MY AGREEMENT WITH HART RESEARCH ASSOCIATES _

Interviewer's Name (PLEASE SIGN):

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